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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA AT UNGA

REF: RABAT 5519

1. BELIEVE DESIRE BY AN LDC, AND ONE WHICH IS AN  
IMPORTANT WELL-RESPECTED MEMBER OF "NON-ALIGNED", TO MAKE  
USE OF ICJ AS MEANS OF SETTLING A DISPUTE IS AN IMPORTNAT  
DEVELOPMENT. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY PRESSED  
FOR GREATER USE OF ICJ, BUT HAVE MET RESISTANCE FROM NUMBER  
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT A DEVELOPING  
COUNTRY AND GREATER USE OF COURT, AT THE SAME TIME, IS RARE.

2. WE RECOGNIZE PROBLEM SPAIN MIGHT HAVE WITH CONTENTIOUS  
SAHARA CASE GOING TO COURT (I.E., ITS REFUSAL TO  
TAKE GIBRALTAR DISPUTE TO COURT) BUT WOULD HOPE SPANISH  
WOULD BE MORE OPEN-MINDED RE AN ADVISORY OPINION.

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3. QUESTION OF SPANISH SAHARA LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED IN

FOURTH COMMITTEE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. OVERWHELMING SUPPORT IS ANTICIPATED FOR THE MOROCCAN POSITION, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT, WHILE PURSUING REFERENDUM, SPAIN IS NOT ALTOGETHER OPPOSED TO A FOURTH COMMITTEE RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVISORY OPINION FROM ICJ. WE COULD SUPPORT THE IDEA AS AN APPROPRIATE MEANS TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND BE IN A POSITION TO INFORM OTHER ON IF-ASKED BASIS OF OUR SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE NEITHER USEFUL NOR NECESSARY FOR US TO TAKE LEAD RE ADVISORY OPINION. FYI: SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN SOONER RAHTER THAN AT LAST MINUTE, BELIEVE ONE RESULT COULD BE POSITIVE CRUCIAL MOROCCAN VOTE ON KHMER WHICH WOULD IN TURN HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT ON TUNISIA.

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